

REMARKS

Claims 8, 19, 25 and 29-44 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 8, 19, 25, 29-35, 37 and 39-44 have been allowed.

Please amend Claims 36 and 38 as set forth herein. No new matter has been added.

Claims 36 and 38 have been objected to as being in improper form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 36 and 38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

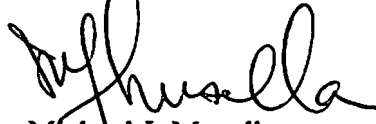
Regarding the objection to and the rejection of Claims 36 and 38, the Examiner states that the claims are indefinite because the broad recitation of puncturing patterns in these claims fails to properly limit the narrow limitation of the single puncturing pattern of Claims 25 and 29. Therefore, Claims 36 and 38 have been amended into independent form as set forth herein. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Based on at least the forgoing, withdrawal of the objection to and the rejection of Claims 36 and 38 is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 8, 19, 25, 29, 36 and 38, and dependent Claims 30-35, 37 and 39-44, are all in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 8, 19, 25 and 29-44, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Musella", written over the printed name.

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